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Grand Valley State University receives Water Quality Monitoring Grant for White Lake

LANSING – Grand Valley State University was awarded a Water Quality Monitoring Grant of more than \$30,900 this week to monitor the health of White Lake, said Sen. Gerald Van Woerkom, R-Norton Shores, and Rep. David Farhat.

“When voters passed the Clean Michigan Initiative in 1998 they overwhelmingly supported efforts to maintain our natural resources,” said Van Woerkom, chairman of the Senate Agriculture, Forestry and Tourism Committee. “They requested that we remain steadfast in our stewardship of our resources and we are doing so through the funding of grant programs.”

GVSU will use the grant funds to develop a nutrient budget for White Lake and identify potential remediation strategies.

“White Lake plays an important role in the West Michigan community,” said Farhat, R-Muskegon. “I am pleased to see that resources are being provided to GVSU to maintain a waterway that is the home and playground of so many Michigan residents.”

The Department of Environmental Quality issued almost \$400,000 in grants through the Clean Michigan Initiative – Clean Water Fund.

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